ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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2013 POINT GARDNER AND KINGSMILL TEST FISHERIES UPDATE #4

Both the Point Gardner and Kingsmill Point test fisheries were conducted on Monday, July 22, 2013. Catches in both test fishing areas were likely adversely affected by the large tides. The results of the test fisheries are summarized in the following.

Point Gardner: Five of the seven scheduled sets were completed. Both the pink and chum salmon catch per set were below average for this week. The pink salmon sex ratio was 61% male, which is about average for week 30. Chum salmon were not sampled for sex ratios this test fishing period.

Kingsmill: Five of the seven scheduled sets were completed. Like Point Gardner, both the pink and chum salmon catch per set were below average for this week. The pink salmon sex ratio was approximately 68% male, which is above average for week 30. Chum salmon were not sampled for sex ratios this test fishing period.

Run Strength: Based on good past performances of the test fisheries and this week's test fisheries having below but not substantially below average pink salmon catches despite poor fishing conditions, the pink salmon run passing by the test fisheries appears to be strong.

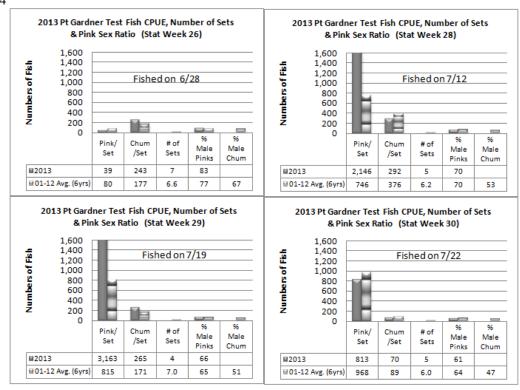
Sex Ratio Sampling: Sex ratio sampling is used as a tool in determining run timing. Numbers of males are higher during the first half of the run and females are more numerous during the last half of the run. Comparing this year's percentage of males in the fishery this week, to the historical average, provides an indication of whether the run is earlier, later, or similar in run timing to previous returns. The Point Gardner test fishery sex ratio was about average indicating the pink salmon run timing is normal and the Kingsmill Point test fishery sex ratio was again above average indicating earlier run timing.

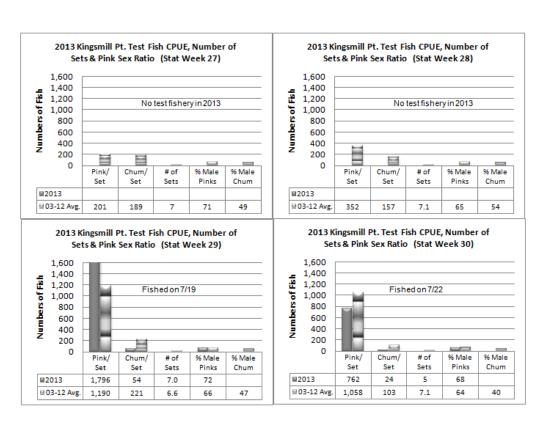
Average Weights:

-Pt. Gardner: No average weights taken.

-Kingsmill Pt: pinks: No average weights taken.

Next Test Fisheries: No further test fisheries are scheduled.





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